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Heine Whisks Into U.S. For CIA Court Fight

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Eerik Heine, who has been described by the Central Intelligence Agency as "a dispatched Soviet intelligence operative, a KGB agent," passed through United States customs and immigration in Toronto this morning like an ordinary tourist.

He flew on Washington to attend a hearing scheduled for tomorrow in Baltimore in his \$110,000 slander suit against a CIA agent who was ordered to warn Estonian emigre groups about Heine.

Everything went smoothly—except that Heine baggage was missing when he sought to claim it in Washington.

Heine, a resident of Rexdale, a suburb of Toronto, checked in at the American Airlines ticket counter at the Toronto International Airport a little before 8:30 a.m. He was directed to the U.S. customs counter just behind the ticket counter.

The Usual

A polite and cooperative U.S. customs agent asked the usual questions about what he was carrying.

Heine told him he had with him a film of a two-hour movie based on his experiences as a guerrilla fighter against the Russians in the forests of Estonia.

Heine showed the agent a brochure printed in both English and Estonian describing the film. His name is prominently displayed on the brochure.

The agent then suggested he

get a certificate from Canadian customs so he would have no trouble bringing the film back into Canada.

"He was very cooperative, most helpful," Heine said.

When Flight 402 was called, Heine went to Boarding Room 30 in the new circular terminal building.

Ticket to the U.S.

His ticket was checked by an airline agent and he then showed his plastic, wallet sized Canadian passport to a blue-shirted U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service officer. The card carries his picture and both his signature and his type-written name.

Routinely, the agent asked where he was from, where he was going and how long he would be there.

He then stamped the ticket, "Admitted, April 27, 1966."

"Whcew," said Heine, as he stepped into the waiting room.

"I really hoped they would arrest me. Then I would have my day in court."

A spokesman for the Toronto office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service expressed surprise when informed of the CIA's description of Heine. "We've heard nothing about him," the spokesman said. "We've received no instructions of any sort about him. It was just another routine clearance for us."

Juri Raus, who made the accusations against Heine, has pleaded absolute immunity against the slander suit because he said he was making the statements in the course of his job as a government employee. Thus, the truth or falsity of the charges may never be tried in court.

As he settled himself in a window seat on the new twin jet BAC-400, a stewardess handed Heine a copy of this morning's Toronto Globe and Mail.

"Let's see if they have anything to say today," he said, beginning to leaf through the

paper.

He found what he was looking for on the editorial page.

An editorial cartoon showed a hand labeled "CIA," writing across the Preamble of the Constitution, the word, "However."

An editorial, headed, "The CIA: Who Polices the Secret Police," said:

"... What of Mr. Heine? Perhaps the best we can hope for is that President Lyndon Johnson will telephone him to ask whether he really wants a hearing of his slander suit. That's the Canadian way."

The last paragraph was a reference to a recent Canadian spy case in which Prime Minister Leslie Pearson phoned the suspected spy and asked if he wanted a formal investigation.

Saturday, in an editorial reference to the case, the Toronto Star asked if the United States had gone back to the 17th century when French kings gave their agents carte blanche to carry out investigations with impunity.

"It is sad, very sad," Heine said.

No Hard Feelings

"CIA and I are both on the same side.

"The Soviets will win both ways.

"If they destroy me, they will remove a fighter. If I am cleared, it hurts the CIA. I want to make it clear that I have no hard feelings against the CIA. We fight the same fight."

The ground below was not visible as the plane carrying Heine crossed the U.S.-Canadian border at 27,000 feet about 9:35 a.m.

He landed at LaGuardia Airport in New York a little less than an hour later.

As he stepped off the plane onto a red-carpeted boarding ramp he remarked with a chuckle:

"Here I am on American soil."

He arrived here about 1:30 for conferences with his attorneys, Ernest C. Raskauskas and Robert J. Stanford, in preparation for tomorrow's hearing, in which they will attempt to take a deposition from Raus.